

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 17, 27-34.

Please amend claim 26 as follows:

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26. An internal combustion engine, comprising:
an engine cylinder; and,
a camless valve assembly having a valve communicating
with said engine cylinder, said assembly adjusting an opening
rate of said valve to control gas flow into said engine
cylinder, wherein said camless valve assembly includes an
electrically driven ball-screw arrangement to axially move a
valve head.

REMARKS**I. INTRODUCTION**

Applicant wants to thank the Examiner for his careful consideration of the subject application. Applicant has cancelled claims 17, 27-34. Applicant has amended independent claim 26. Claims 1-16, 22-26, 35-36 are presently pending in the application. Applicant hereby requests further examination and reconsideration of the application in view of the foregoing amendment and the following arguments.

II. REJECTION OF CLAIMS 17, 27, 29-34, 36 UNDER 35 U.S.C. 102(b)

Claims 17, 27, 29-34, 36 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Ishii (5,964,192). Applicant has cancelled claims 17, 27, 29-34. Applicant respectfully submits that the rejection of claim 36 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b)